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Night parade bewitches huge crowd

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

By all accounts, Friday night's Santa Claus parade in Haliburton – the first ever evening parade in the village's history – was a great triumph for the community.

In fact, ever since Santa waved his final goodbye, parade coordinator Jim Frost says he's been overwhelmed with positive feedback from delighted parade-goers.

"I thought it was a terrific success, and we've actually been getting calls from people telling us what a terrific thing it was for the town," he says.

But it's not just community members who are praising this year's parade. Frost also received a phone call from a member of the North Hastings

Pipe Band, who told him that it was "one of the best parades they have ever been in."

Frost says that public enthusiasm was a key factor in making the parade such an outstanding event for both those involved and those lining the sidewalks.

"The great thing was the level of community involvement. Everyone got on board and participated," he says. "We had far more businesses and groups put in entries than ever before. Everyone was talking about it for weeks, word was spreading from one group to another, and that made people want to participate."

In an impressive display of community spirit, a total of 47 entries was registered for this year's parade, including three bands, marching groups, floats,

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Highlands East decides on recount today

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

As one of its last pieces of business, Highlands East council will vote today (November 28) whether to grant a candidate's request for a recount of the ballots in Ward 2.

Basil Cox, who lost by nine votes to incumbent Suzanne Partridge, notified the municipality on Thursday that he wants a recount. Since such requests must be ratified by council, and a meeting was already scheduled for Tuesday, a special meeting was not called to deal with the issue.

Under the Elections Act, the recount must be held in exactly

the same manner as the counting of ballots on election night. Highlands East was the first and only municipality in the county to use an electronic tabulator and, if council grants the recount request, the electronic tabulator will be used the second time. The ballots cannot be counted by hand, says clerk Irene Cook.

As well, the recount cannot include the 740 ballots that were rejected by municipal staff because the ballot kits were improperly submitted. Some kits had declaration forms that weren't signed but the majority did not include a declaration form at all. It is suspected that

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GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Donning a white tutu and sparkling tiara, sugar plum fairy Jordyn Archer gives parade-goers a taste of the Nutcracker Ballet, as well as how magical a night-time parade can be. Dancers from Haliburton's Heritage Ballet will perform the full production on December 9 and 10 at the Northern Lights Pavilion. More parade photos are on pages 9 and 10.

Tourists want special experience

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

The face of tourism is changing. It's no longer just location, location, location. It's experience, experience, experience.

"Tourism is no longer just

about visiting a place and looking at it from an outside perspective," Celes Devar said at Sir Sandford Fleming College's 12th Annual Tourism Leadership Skills Workshop Series recently. "Today people want to participate in local

experiences. The most relevant quote I can think of is 'Staging experiences is not about entertaining customers, it's about engaging them.' That's exactly what tourism operators need to do to capture the market."

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Night parade probably a new Haliburton tradition

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and horse entries. If that sounds like a lot for such a small community, it is – this year's figures came just short of doubling the previous village record of 24 entries.

Not only was the number of parade participants up, but so were the number of residents who turned out in droves for the moonlit spectacle.

"What we really noticed were the crowds on main street. We've never seen that number of people watching the parade before," Frost says.

Frost suspects that many people were drawn to the event because it was unlike any parade in years past. He also speculates that the 6:30 start time may have been more conducive to the schedules of busy working families. He notes that nearly every restaurant along Highland Street had a line-up stretching out the doorway, which means the event also had a positive impact on local businesses.

"The only hitch was a little bit of a traffic tie-up at the end, but of course there's not a whole lot you can do about that. That was just an indication to me how many people came out to watch the parade," says Frost.

Building on the success of this year's parade, Frost says that organizers are keen on continuing with the evening format for years to come.

"We're certainly thinking of keeping the night format because it turned out to be such a success and everybody thought it was such a great idea," he says. "In fact, a couple of us have already started planning next year's time and date."



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Sweet sounds of Christmas

Marsha Sweet is one of the many singers preparing for the Messiah Choir's *An Off-beat Christmas* under the direction of Melissa Stephens. There will be two shows at the Northern Lights Arts Pavilion, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. and December 3 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton and the Minden Pharmasave.

Police are on the patrol for drivers who get a bit too festive

The holiday season is almost upon us, and the Ontario Provincial Police want to remind the motoring public of the danger of mixing alcohol with driving.

From November 29 to January 2 the OPP will team up with police services across the province for the annual Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign.

Impaired driving remains the leading criminal cause of death in Canada. OPP officers will be out in your neighbourhood in an effort to remove the threat of the impaired driver, and reduce the death toll on Ontario roads.

Last year, during the five-week OPP Festive R.I.D.E. Initiative, officers stopped 576,875 vehicles at roadside checkpoints, 278 persons were charged with criminal code alcohol-related offences and a total of 671 12-hour licence suspensions were issued. Officers also issued 270 of the 90-day administrative driver's licence suspensions. For every 608 vehicles checked at the R.I.D.E. locations, one driver was either charged with an impaired driving related charge or was issued a 12-hour licence suspension. This is not acceptable!

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After 39 years of local politics Keith Tallman ready to retire

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

If you guessed that someone lit a fire under Keith Tallman to get him to run for office, you wouldn't be too far from wrong. Actually, the fires were all around him.

"I never really intended to go down this path," says the outgoing 74-year-old Highlands East reeve.



Lack of a fire department prompted Keith Tallman to first run for council.

so that we could have a fire department."

His determination to protect his community from tragedy and to bring people the services taken for granted elsewhere were enough to get the 35-year-old electrician elected to Monmouth council. Not long after, the Monmouth Fire Department became a reality. The year was 1967. Tallman will retire from municipal politics on December 12 of this year.

The lifelong Wilberforce resident soon discovered that he liked representing his community. "There weren't a lot of people speaking for us back then. We decided we needed to do this for the betterment of the community. And we also realized that if we wanted growth, we were going to have to do something about it ourselves."

That realization was enough to keep Tallman in municipal politics for 39 years. His service includes 22 years as reeve of Monmouth and, after amalgamation, six as reeve of Highlands East. He's also been county warden for two terms. He has also been on the board of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit for 30 years, nine as chairman.

Needless to say, Monmouth Township was a very different place back in 1967. "We had about 1,000 residents and 40 kilometres of road to maintain. Now, with amalgamation and seasonal residents, we represent just about 10,000 people and more than 240 kilometres of road. Our budgets are different too; when I started we dealt with \$500,000. Now we have to allocate \$4,000,000."

Despite all the challenges that have accompanied this growth, Tallman says he's most proud of his role in founding Maple

View Senior Apartments and Family Housing Units in Wilberforce. "This was really important in keeping this community alive. We needed a place close by so our seniors wouldn't have to leave this community. They have always been the heart and soul of it."

Tallman has left his mark in other highly visible ways. He helped found the Monmouth arena in 1978. "It has turned out to be a real asset to the community," he says. "It's important that communities like ours have recreational opportunities."

While you're at it, say thanks for the Wilberforce Curling Club and the Lloyd Watson Centre, which he helped found in 1978 by successfully applying for federal grant money.

All you have to do is mention his name to learn that his fellow politicians respected him too.

Eleanor Harrison, reeve of Algonquin Highlands, says "He always thought things through. He didn't have knee-jerk reactions. He was a very easy councillor to work with but he wasn't a pushover. He was a listener who brought forth good results."

Jim McMahon, reeve of Minden Hills, appreciates the continuity that Tallman provided. "He was up on everything that was going on."

And Ron Gambell, former reeve of Anson, Hindon and Minden says, "He'd speak his mind and yet he knew when to keep quiet too. It shows a good politician when they sometimes don't say things."

Tallman admits that there is still much left to be done. Most notably, he says that Highlands East's road systems need watching. "You can only do so much if you want to maintain an affordable tax base."

He summarizes by saying, "We've tried to be fair and do what's right."

And, yes, he says, governing has become more challenging during his tenure. "Down-loading from our province has become a real burden on our communities, and the standards we deal with have changed and are more stringent, but I think we've managed fairly well. Our population is increasing and we need to protect our environment while bringing in industry that will keep people here. This means finding an industry that fits the community."

What's next for Keith Tallman? "Well, I think I'll relax a bit, but I won't quit everything. I'll still be involved with Maple View Estates, for instance. Being on council has been a great experience and I'm proud of what we've achieved. But now, it's time to let someone else take over."

Why not? The fires are out.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Last Wednesday, Keith Tallman and Bill Howe, reeve and deputy-reeve of Highlands East, sat at the county council table for the last time. Between them they have served their residents for 69 years.

Don't just complain, do something

Bill Howe believes in constructive input

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

"I think there comes a time when a person should contribute to his community. It's not enough to gripe about what's wrong. You need to offer constructive input. That's why I entered politics."

Those words of wisdom were uttered by Bill Howe, the outgoing deputy-reeve of Highlands East.

Howe first decided to offer his own brand of constructive input in 1976 when he became a trustee on the Improvement District of Bicroft. And though he's been doing it ever since, he's stepping down in December after 30 years of municipal politicking.

There's no doubt that Howe left his mark on the landscape. As chairman of Bicroft, he visited Queen's Park and convinced them to give Bicroft full township status. "That was around 1980. We were paying our taxes and doing everything else a township does, we figured we deserved the recognition too."

Howe and his family moved

to Cardiff in 1970 when his employer, the Ministry of Transport, transferred him to the area. When he retired from MTO in 1989, he decided to stay. Shortly after, Cruikshank Construction hired him until his retirement in 2000.

He's served as reeve of Bicroft for almost 20 years and, following amalgamation with Cardiff, Monmouth and Glamorgan, as councillor for Ward 1, and deputy reeve of Highlands East. He was also county warden in 1983.

"We've accomplished a lot of things but I'm most proud of our state-of-the-art water system and the fact that our sewage system is up to snuff. Now our waste management plan is heading in the right direction too. These projects were our greatest challenges, especially since we were dealing with different levels of government. The trick was to get

what we wanted and not what someone else did. It had to fit the needs of our community and I think we've accomplished that."

As a community-minded individual he's also proud of the active community centre in Cardiff. "It's booked solid for community functions for the young and old. That's very important and we need to encourage it."

Howe concedes that things are different now from when he started. "Back then you might have had one hundred things on the table. Now you've got a thousand."

Expectations and demographics, he says, have changed too. "Everybody wants everything now and no one wants to pay. I don't think a lot of people really understand what's involved in getting things done. So, as a politician, you've got to do this balancing act."

He also offers advice to anyone considering running for office. "Anyone who thinks they are going into politics to please everyone is a dreamer. You simply can't. So you do the best you can, and you learn to take a few knocks. If you can't do that, you shouldn't be in this game."



Everyone should contribute to their community, Bill Howe says.



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

School clean up

Steph George, Michelle-Lee Neymann, and Frankie Kabisch were among the students who spent a class cleaning up litter around Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Thursday. The task was an initiative of the Student Activities Council, "to make the school look nice because it looks really trashy sometimes," Michelle-Lee said. "And to set a good example," Steph added.

County council bids happy retirement to two members

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Wednesday's county council meeting was the last one for two veteran politicians.

Keith Tallman, the reeve of Highlands East and former reeve of Monmouth, and Bill Howe, the deputy-reeve of Highlands East and former reeve of Bicroft, are both retiring after dedicating decades of their life to public service.

Howe said he and his wife had a conversation about their future plans a short while ago. "I said, 'I don't know how many years we've got left, Mother, but I don't want to spend them sitting at the table,'" Howe told his fellow county councillors.

"I've enjoyed [being a municipal politician]," Howe said. "It's been quite a ride but it's time to move on."

Tallman first ran for council 39 years ago and has been at the county table for many of them. "I've enjoyed my say at the county," he said. "I'm not sorry I'm leaving, I'm just glad I'm retiring."

Fellow councillors praised them for their dedication and hard work, wishing them well with their new-found leisure time.

Howe gave some parting advice to those who continue serving ratepayers on county council. "You always respect one another in this place and you should never forget that."

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the last meeting of the current council. The new county council will gather at 7 p.m. on December 12 for the warden's inaugural followed by the first meeting of the new four-year term on December 13 at 9 a.m.

Costs increase

Draft regulations from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs will lead to new costs for the county but at the same time, they will give the public more opportunities to comment on planning issues.

Bill 51 proposes that municipal governments increase the number of times they host formal open houses for planning issues, as well as the number of times they must issue formal notices of planning applications.

"It will increase the workload that's related to these things," says county planner Jane Tousaw. "It's going to be a much more time-consuming process from a staff level."

The county and municipalities already go above and beyond the formal notification processes because of the high proportion of seasonal residents, Tousaw said.

Downloading

The province is adding a hidden cost to municipalities as part of its Clean Water Act.

The act requires the creation of source water protection plans and committees to oversee them. This committee is to be comprised of one-third representation from the municipal sector. The province, however, has said that it will not pay for the time or transportation costs of these municipal representatives; therefore the costs must be borne by the municipality or county.

The other representation will be comprised of those involved with various land uses (one-third) and members of the public (which may include academia, professionals, non-government organizations and the health unit.)

Federal budget

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey was dismayed that federal finance minister Jim Flaherty was focused on reductions to taxes rather than addressing the fiscal imbalance between the federal and provincial governments.

Brushcutter

Fearrey also expressed reservations about paying for a new brush cutter from reserves. "We're backing ourselves into a corner and completely depleting the reserves," he said.

County CAO Jim Wilson said that administration felt it was better to borrow money from the county than to pay interest to the manufacturer.

Providing there is not a lot of snow between now and the end of the year, the roads department should end its fiscal year within one per cent of its budget.

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Santa lends an ear

Five-year-old Jack Morrison (left) and his seven-year-old brother John (right) stopped by the Rails End Gallery on Saturday for some cookies, hot chocolate, and a visit with Old Saint Nick. And let it be known that John made no mention of his "two front teeth" to Santa.

WWI film becomes community event

Merry Christmas (Joyeux Noël), which screened to great acclaim at the 2005 Festival de Cannes, is a film based on the letters written by the soldiers of WWI who experienced a temporary ceasefire on Christmas eve 1914.

Highlands Media Arts is screening the film on December 14 as part of its Those Other Movies film festival. However, because of overwhelming interest in the movie, it is now having two screenings. Season's pass holders can see the film at either 1 or 7 p.m. at the Molou Theatre. Tickets will be sold at the door at each show, starting 45 minutes before screen time. (12:15 and 6:15): Tickets are \$7.

In between the screenings, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., film enthusiasts and history buffs are invited to visit at the Rails End Gallery. Come and join Highlands Media Arts after the first film or before the 7 show. Special presentations will take place at 3:30 and again at 5:30. Alcoholic beverages and light appetizers will be available for purchase. The Rails

End Gallery will be beautifully decorated with its Deck the Walls sale.

Director's notes from this movie will be handed out, and also there will be a special Highlands Media Arts video presentation of WWI memories collected from local residents.

Highlands Media Arts is looking for WWI memories – whether they are about people you knew in the war or stories about your civilian life during the war to end all wars.

There is also a special invitation to seniors and members of the Legions to see the movie on DVD:

Monday Dec 4 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday Dec 7 at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton at 1:00 p.m.

There will be a camera at these events to record your memories as well as a camera at the Community Care luncheon at the Haliburton Legion on November 30.

For more information go to www.haliburton-movies.com or call 286-4179.

Royal LePage's purchase of Countrywide makes county's largest brokerage

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Royal LePage's purchase of Countrywide Realty has made the expanded business the largest real estate brokerage in Haliburton County.

Anthony vanLieshout, owner of the local Royal LePage, completed the transaction last month, when Doug Johnson, Countrywide's former owner, handed over the business. The sale includes the property, buildings, and business in Minden, and space in Carnarvon and Kennisis Lake.

vanLieshout says the purchase made sense from an economic standpoint for his business. "It allows us to take advantage of an economy of scale. We've now got a better presence throughout the county."

In keeping with the changing face of the business, is a new name designed to complement other Royal LePage operations. Now known as Royal LePage, Lakes of Haliburton brokerage, the business now employs 30 agents and six support staff operating out of four offices countywide. It remains locally owned and operated.

"All of the former Countrywide peo-

ple have now all signed up with Royal LePage, so everyone is on-side which is outstanding," says Hal Johnson, the Minden office manager.

Seventeen agents will be operating out of the new Minden office on the grounds of the former Countrywide office on Bobcaygeon Road and Highway 35.

Johnson says, "Bigger does mean better in this business; it allows you the revenues and the resources to offer more services. There's more exposure for people selling their property and there's more properties on display for people buying."

"We've taken the strengths of two good companies and two very experienced staffs and combined them."

VanLieshout says real estate in the county has a bright future. "We're seeing a greater demand for year-round cottages on waterfront property. The market is stabilizing, interest rates are favourable, we're getting better services like high-speed Internet, and we're dealing with an aging demographic."

"All these things are positive and should influence a steady growth. Our business is now in a better position to help. We're happy about that."

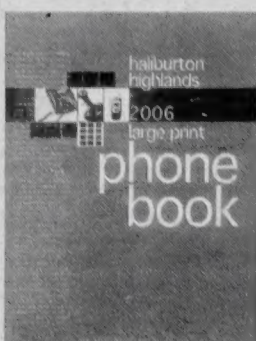
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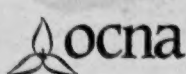
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Let there be lights

PERHAPS IT WAS THE NOVELTY FACTOR, or perhaps it's that we all need a little sparkle in our lives in an otherwise dreary November, but the people of Haliburton County responded with unabashed delight to Haliburton's first night-time parade. It seemed a bit weird to have a problem finding a parking place in November but it was a good problem to have. The parade not only attracted a record number of floats but a record number of people came out to show their support. Given its early hour, many families decided to make a night of it and were in town early for dinner in one of the downtown restaurants. The economic boost was most welcome.

Two letter writers this week don't want to rain on Haliburton's parade but they do make very good points.

echo

editorial

martha perkins

Although organizers had asked people, through last week's Echo, not to park on main street an hour before the parade, it was a request easy to forget. With Midnight Madness, which the Echo organizes every August, we get support from local community groups to barricade the street two hours before the event starts. But it's a well-known event and by now people know that if they leave their car on main street once the event begins, they'll have a tough time driving away.

It would have made it better for everyone if the cars weren't on main street (even though the parking lot at IGA could be kept open given the demand for space on the side streets) but since it was a first-time event, it's something that can be worked on next year.

The steady stream of traffic pouring out of Haliburton towards Minden after the parade was a pretty good indication that the event attracted people from far outside the village's boundaries. Unfortunately, organizers of two events in Minden wished that those people had stayed closer to home on Friday night. It's not that they begrudged Haliburton for stealing Minden area residents away for a night, it's just that they wished that night didn't happen to coincide with its big Christmas event.

While it is difficult for people to keep track of everything going on in the county, there is an under-utilized resource: the county's information centre. Ann Lavery keeps a bulletin board and website record of all the events in the county. That way, when people call to ask what's going on in the Highlands, she has plentiful answers. She finds, however, that few people take advantage of this free service.

When the Echo was helping to arrange the all-candidates meeting, we phoned the information centre to see if there were conflicting events on certain dates. Although we were told not to worry, that people interested in coming to hear the candidates were not being drawn away by another major event, it would have been easy to step on someone else's toes if that someone else hadn't told the information centre about their event.

Organizers sometimes get lulled into thinking that "everyone" knows their event is always on such and such a date but as men who forget their own anniversaries will tell you, most of us are bad at keeping our dates straight. That's where the information centre can help. If you've got an event planned for next November, let Lavery know now.

Meanwhile, these two "problems" in no way diminish the outstanding success of the parade. Bravo to everyone involved.



Nature as art.

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

United States of Canada

WITH SOME NIFTY STRATEGIC sleight of mouth, our Prime Minister has scooped the Bloc and the Liberals, and made an announcement that even the NDP couldn't be seen to disagree with. "Quebec should be considered a nation within the country of Canada."

But I think there might be a slight problem with the PM's new Quebec vote-getting strategy. Quebec might not be around to vote in too many more Canadian elections. In fact, Canada might not be around for too many more Canadian elections. Once we give nation status to one group, it isn't long before lots of other groups could opt for nationhood.

The nation of Newfoundland and Labrador could happen next week and nobody would even notice the difference. Especially the Newfoundlanders.

The Province of Ontario could cease being the most hated of the 10 provinces and could be broken down into multiple nations that could join the rest of Canada in hating Toronto. Toronto would, of course become a nation unto itself and continue to ignore the loathing of the rest of the country.

Scarborough could become its own nation without changing anything. I used to live there and I know whereof I speak. Scarborough has always had its own ideas about the English language; I remember, as a teenager, that we seemed to be using a different form of English from the rest of Toronto. Comedian Mike Meyers put ScarSpeak out for all the world to hear on "Saturday Night Live", which resulted in a great increase in tourism. NOT. And if Mike made us sound funny, Jim Carrey

made us look funny, and the Bare Naked Ladies showed that Scarborough was a great source of musical creativity. It should become a Nation even if the rest of Canada stays the same.

Which, of course, it probably won't with our PM busily pointing out that some of us have nothing in common with others. And that some of us can live separately in a single country. It's just... just... well... come to think of it... just like we're doing right now. Someone once described

Canada as a landlocked version of the West Indies. Little islands of humanity separated by vast oceans of land. Of course, our weather is a little cooler. I have a feeling that if the weather were like the West Indies, we wouldn't care what the politicians did. But this is Canada. Or was. And no matter how we slice it, there will be about six months of a deep, howling winter that doesn't care what language we speak.

Okay. Let's see how a multi-nation country might present itself.

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Welcome to New Markhamilton. The Friendly Burb. (Except to Torontonians)

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Welcome to Whistler. Far Out, Man.

Welcome to What's Left of Canada. Where the wheat grows.

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Pillow talk

BETWEEN YOU AND ME, lately I have been having serious problems in the bedroom. I know this sort of thing should probably not be mentioned in a newspaper column but, the truth is, I'm a bit scared and it's all I think about these days. This sort of thing is just not supposed to happen to a guy my age.

The truth is I just can't seem to do it the way I used to. In fact some nights I just can't do it at all. My wife says it happens to everyone sooner or later. I tell her that it has never happened to me before. She just pats me on the

shoulder and says I shouldn't put so much pressure on myself. She says, eventually, it will happen all by itself.

Heck, I don't know what to say. There was a time when three minutes was all I needed. Now, I can try for hours without any result at all.

I'm trying everything. The other day I spent an hour in a hot tub thinking of all the exciting public places where I have done it before – the movie theatre, at work, on the subway, on

an airliner, and even in a crowded lecture hall. Still, nothing happened.

A friend of mine says I should take these special pills. He says then I'll get as much as I want. Another friend says I should think of my high school Latin teacher or get my wife to dress in flannel from head to toe. And yet another says I should visualize sheep – he says it works for him.

I'm not ruling anything out – I'll do anything if it will help me get some sleep.

When I was younger, I could sleep at the drop of a hat. It's one of the few things I learned in school that has stuck with me.

These days, however, I find that, as soon as I lie down, my mind races ninety miles an hour, which would be great if I could find a way to release the emergency brake.

Instead I just sit there spinning my mental wheels trying to solve intellectual problems that have plagued mankind since the dawn of time.

Last night, for instance, I figured out several reasons why we only have teeth at one end. They are: ease of tooth brushing, less awkward moments when someone says smile, and so we don't have to add a hoist to the dentist's chair. There are 46 other reasons but I think you get the point. I'm discovering that when you don't sleep, your mind can answer many questions just like this one.

They say many of the great minds of our time lived on very little sleep. Einstein, for instance, slept six seconds a week. Carl Sagan slept only during the recording of his television show. And, until Thomas Edison figured out how to turn off the lights, he never slept at all.

I'm not saying that my brain belongs in that category, although you must admit my tooth theory ranks right up there, but I am wondering if this is my mind's way of saying that I haven't done enough thinking during the day.

Admittedly, my brain is laid back during waking hours. It seems to have a what's-your-hurry attitude when I ask it for an answer to even the simplest of questions. It's as if it is telling me that slow and steady wins the race. This last point might have some merit because when I mentioned it to some of my more intelligent friends they all agreed about the slow part.

I suppose most normal brains tucker themselves out over the course of a working day, what with having to think, make decisions, and plan ahead. Of course, all this would be different if there was no such thing as coffee break.

In any case, that's why they need sleep at night.

Mine, on the other hand, simply does not do enough work to tire itself out. All it does it think of things like this to write about and then it gets the rest of the week off. It's only natural that it's not even remotely weary. We're not talking about a heavy workload here.

It's one of the perks of this job. I get to let my mind wander through places most people don't have the time or inclination to go to. I really enjoy it too.

But, having said all this, I think I finally need a nap. No, my brain isn't tired. But all this typing is hard on the fingers.



steve
galea

Vinegar Hill



pic of the past

IT WASN'T ONLY THE SOLDIERS who did their duty during the Second World War. With so many young men fighting overseas, women signed up to help with the war effort at home. One of them was Kathleen Burns. She worked at the munitions plant at River and Queen Streets in Toronto. As MPP Laurie Scott says in a letter to Mrs. Burns' son, Robert Burns of Haliburton, "The efforts of the men and women who stayed behind during World War II made it possible for our soldiers to do their duty overseas. Without their valuable contribution, and hard work, our soldiers would not have had much of a home to return to. It was their dedication that kept the economic engine of Ontario and this country moving during tough times." Kathleen Burns was born in Wales in 1910 and died at Haliburton Extendicare in 1997. In this photo from the early 1940s she's standing in the front row, second from left, with fellow munitions factory workers. Our thanks to her son for sharing this tribute with us.

letters to the editor

Animosity uncalled for

To the Editor:

Re: Emotions run high in Dysart's race for Deputy.

I was both shocked and dismayed by some of the statements attributed to Walt McKechnie.

They show an insulting disrespect for those voters who chose Mr. Davis to serve them as deputy reeve for the next four years. Mr. Davis has an extensive track record as deputy reeve by which to be judged. Voters/taxpayers tend to be a critical judgmental lot. With his track record in

mind, a majority of them concluded that Mr. Davis was the best candidate to entrust to balance and achieve the interests of this municipality in a fair and responsible manner during the challenging period ahead.

I seem to detect an undercurrent of personal animosity bordering on vindictiveness towards Mr. Davis. That attitude has no place in the democratic process nor in positions of leadership in community service.

Don Dunsmore,
Calgary, AB and Haliburton

Call in the referees

To the Editor:

Regarding the "no brainer". (Emotions run high in Dysart's race for deputy)

After reading some of the cheap shots taken at Bill Davis in last week's Echo, it sounded like we needed goal posts and referees in town!

I sat on a land division committee for six years with Mr. Davis. His knowledge and experience in municipal affairs was definitely a needed asset.

I prefer Jim Henwood's remarks that it was a "democratic process and the people have spoken". If the candidates were serious about running for deputy reeve in this election they should run again in four years.

I wish Mr. Davis and the rest of council all the best for the next term.

Bob Winder,
Haliburton
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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





Santa Claus comes to Haliburton



Top left: As hard as he may have tried, even this snickering grinch couldn't spoil the spirit of the season.
 Top middle: Santa waves to the hundreds of parade-goers lining the sidewalks of Highland Street.
 Top right: Tina Hadley, left, and Marilyn Frost, right, walked the parade route on behalf to the Haliburton and district Lion's Club, collecting donations in shopping carts for Haliburton's 4Cs Food Bank.
 Left: Haliburton's hometown band, the Silver Flutes, prepare to march and delight onlookers by performing a number of Christmas classics.

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Left: Teachers and staff from Stuart Baker Elementary School show off their eclectic (and non-traditional) holiday costume choices. Above: Members of the Haliburton Dance Arts troupe kept warm by twirling, jumping, and boogieing their way along the parade route.

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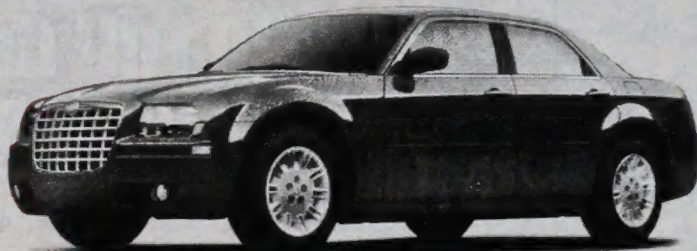
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The right to secrecy

To the Editor:

I can understand the concern that is being expressed in municipalities across Ontario regarding the apparent high percentage of uncountable ballots which seems to stem from the manner in which DataFix prepared the ballot kits.

However, I question the ethics of

allowing anyone to contravene the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act by opening those ballots. Could this not be the thin edge of the wedge that could take away one of our privileges: the democratic right to a secret ballot?

Elva Bates
Haliburton

Don't be befuddled

To the Editor:

Re: *Befuddled* – November 21st Editorial

I'm happy to advise you that there is, in fact, a ServiceOntario Government Information Centre to serve the citizens of Haliburton County by providing information and assistance on provincial and federal government forms and programs. In the past, the centre often kept the public informed of new services or processes with articles printed in your newspaper.

The ServiceOntario Government Information Centre is at 12698 Hwy. 35, in Minden in the same building as the Ministry of Natural Resources. Their office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. To reach a client service advisor, simply call 286-1521 and they will be happy to assist you in accessing information and services, including assisting you with forms.

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Sincerely,
Terry Goodwin

The Grinch that stole Christmas from Minden

To the Editor:

Once upon a time in the County of Haliburton lay two villages less than a half hour apart. The village of Minden, on the last Friday of November, traditionally held a special evening called Moonlight Madness. All the people of the county could come to celebrate the lighting of the village Christmas Tree, sing Christmas carols, enjoy hot chocolate, and shop in the village stores with special sales. This was a tradition in the village for over a decade. It set the mood for their Santa Claus Parade held the next morning, always on the last Saturday of the month. This year was no exception.

Over in the village of Haliburton they always held their parade on a Sunday afternoon, allowing the people of the county to enjoy their special day! However, this year the organizers decided to hold a night parade with lights and much hoopla. Horrors, they choose the traditional Friday night of the village of Minden! What could the people of Minden do but go ahead with their plans even though they knew there were only so many people in the county.

The Haliburtonians decided to light a Christmas tree, sing carols, and enjoy

hot chocolate in their village too at the very same time as the Mindenites!!

At six o'clock the people in Minden gathered at the Village Green and raising their voices in singing "O Christmas Tree", accompanied by John Menzies on his keyboard, the tree and the Village Green sparkled with a zillion lights. Few in number, but mighty in voices, carols rang out in the night air. Hot chocolate with marshmallows took the chill away. The shopkeepers stood in their stores waiting to hear the jangling of cash registers.

Where were the shoppers? Why the Grinch in Haliburton had enticed them away with their first ever night parade on Minden's special evening! Why could they not have chosen another evening knowing how difficult it is for the village stores during this time of year?

Perhaps next year consideration could be given to Minden's traditional event, the last Friday in November, and the Grinch could choose another night for Haliburton's parade so everyone in the county could celebrate each event and the two villages could live happily ever after. Merry Christmas!

Ann Onymous
(Lois Rigney, Canning Lake)

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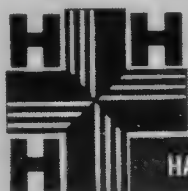
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Santa Claus parade deserves an unobstructed view

To the Editor:

I am writing to you regarding the Santa Claus Parade on the night of the 24 of November.

First, I'd like to congratulate all the members of our community who put in a lot of time and effort in order to have a float in the parade. Also a great big thank you to all of the bands who were able to take time out of their busy Christmastime parade schedule, and entertain us for the night. I really enjoyed watching, and felt that this was one of the best attended parades in the 10 or so years that I can remember coming out to cheer on Santa. It really brings the magic of Christmas to our little town.

Secondly, and on not such a nice note, I'd like to express my disappointment in the BIA. The BIA is supposed "to oversee the improvement, beautification, and maintenance of municipality owned land", "[create] a... pleasant environment... through the use of decorations (during holidays)", and "organize... special events" (BIA Handbook, 1.4)

Okay. As part of those decorations, we saw complimentary parking with the lovely Christmas arrangements on the parking meters. Nice touch. Thank you to their secretary who put up roughly 90 per cent of them. Where was the rest of the BIA on that one? I'm sure it wouldn't have hurt anybody to get some high school students, in need of community hours, to help out. Isn't this a community event? Shouldn't the entire community be involved? That would fall under the organizing of the event, wouldn't it? Why should all that organizing be left to one person?

So, they helped bring us the parade. I really enjoyed that it was a night parade, and felt that it was a great move by the BIA to change the timing of it. But, like every year, who could watch it with all of the cars parked along the side of Highland Street?

I know that I am not alone in my frustration of cars along Highland Street during parades. It's not like they can't park anywhere else. There are other roads, and other places to park. Vehicle owners do not need to save themselves the five-minute walk from where they are parked to where the parade goes by. The BIA should enforce no parking on Highland Street, along with the Lions Club, and the Roads Department. If they are going to put in the effort of putting on a parade, they should do right. And, I know. If you want something done right, do it yourself. But I personally am not a business owner on Highland Street. I'm not even out of high school. All I want is someone to take the initiative to do this the right way.

I really hate to be the Scrooge who puts down the



The Kawartha Cavaliers of Lindsay were one of three bands to march in Friday's Santa Claus parade - the first evening parade in village history.

parade that a lot of people worked hard for. I don't want to be the Grinch who puts a negative spin on our Christmas spirit. I just want to be able to know that what is happening here is not just one person doing all the work. I want to be able to watch the parade in a camp chair along the sidewalk, not watch it worrying about whether or not it's okay to touch the black pickup that is parked behind me. I don't want to feel like the next float is going to run me over because I'm standing on the road. I love Christmas, and I want other people

to help put as much magic as they can into our parade.

So thank you again to all participants in the parade, you did a wonderful job. Let's make it better next year with better organization, and no cars on Highland Street. Thank you.

Amanda van Lieshout
Haliburton

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Arts an important draw for tourists

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Devar owns Earth Rhythms, a Manitoba-based tourism company specializing in experiential travel. He challenged his class of 16 participants, many of whom were local artists and artisans, to develop innovative means to attract tourism to the community. Central to this theme was his belief that would-be tourist operators should develop partnerships in our community with artists and artisans in order to provide unique local experiences to offer to visitors.

"You need to find your niche market and then set up customized, experience- or education-based, learning to entertain and draw them into your world. I'd kill to have what you have here; you've got a beautiful setting and the nation's largest market is just a short drive away."

Devar prompted the group to look upon art as not just an integral part of what makes a community special but also as a drawing card to those who consider visiting. This, he asserted, is in keeping with new tourism trends that favour shorter trips, more disposable income, and a personal need to collect experiences.

"People are looking for accessible, interesting experiences. They want something real, and to participate in the culture of the area. When they get to paint with an artist or walk in the surroundings that inspire them, they get a behind-the-scenes exclusivity that makes for a great and memorable experience."

He suggests that the Internet is driving the change. "People spend a lot of time

researching potential travel destinations and experiences on-line. If you're not plugged into that, your product isn't going to do as well as it could."

Devar used real-life examples and a successful website to demonstrate the correct delivery of creative tourism options to the right niche market. He also spoke of the emerging importance of marketing to women. Other trends included a renewed interest in regional cuisine and intimate events such as house concerts and nature viewing.

Val Bishop, Fleming's eco-tourism and adventure tourism management co-ordinator, believes the workshop was "absolutely a success."

"We had exceptional speakers. Rob Stimpson, who showed us how to use digital images to promote tourism, has just won the prestigious Northern Lights Award for tourism photography. Our lecturers were on the cutting edge; Mark Coles, for instance, is a rich local resource when it comes to Internet marketing."

This is the third time that the workshop has been held in Haliburton and Bishop says the decision was deliberate. "We're seeing a decline in tourism here compared to other places. Things are changing rapidly. We need to define what we are and what we offer. We need a champion to coordinate our efforts for the good of everyone."

Such events "inspire and remind people to look at what can be done and to utilize all the great things we have. This is part of the search for solutions."

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Maureen Johnson's adeptness at physical humour was surprisingly not curtailed when she dressed up as a well-padded snowman. The padding softened the falls.

Little theatre pokes fun at all its small-town foibles

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

If you wanted to see a really bad play, then *The Farndale Housing Estates Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol* was just the ticket.

It had everything that makes you cringe when it comes to amateur theatre: forgotten lines, missed cues, atrocious over-acting and the assumption that just because you know the person on stage you will forgive all of their abuses of good theatre.

But before you think this too harsh a review, let it be known that *The Farndale* (yadda, yadda, yadda) *Christmas Carol* is supposed to be bad. That's what makes it so funny for the audience.

Last week's production at the Northern Lights Pavilion was a play within a play within a play: It's a Highlands Little Theatre play about the Farndale dramatic society's play of the Charles Dickens' story. By poking fun at the Farndale ladies' play it pokes fun at the foibles of all amateur theatre groups.

There's the prima donna, Thelma, played by Charlene Nicholson (who's really Tim Nicholson in quite effective drag but we're not supposed to know it's Tim Nicholson even though half the fun is knowing it's Tim Nicholson playing a woman who in the play plays a man. Sorry about the run-on sentences. It must have something to do with the play's title.) In Thelma's mind she's the *star!* and the job of all those around her is to reflect the spotlight back on her brilliance.

Her rival for attention is the far prettier but more vacuous Mrs. Phoebe Reece, an upper-class wannabe who's never seen without her handbag played with self-assured aplomb by Cathy Cox. Phoebe's more con-

cerned about what she wears in the guild's presentation of Charles Dickens' *Christmas Carol* than she is about the characters she is playing on stage. The play is just an excuse to have all eyes on her exquisite taste in clothes and mannerisms.

Bumbling into the middle of this rivalry is the well-meaning Mercedes who is recovering from a rather unfortunate 27-cart pile-up in the grocery store. You know that she'd love to spend an hour telling you about it but, hallelujah, the play must go on. Played with innocent gullibility by Karen Frybort, Mercedes is the type of woman whose simple-mindedness is all part of her charm.

Felicity, meanwhile, is a little whirlwind of energy on stage – except when she's playing the well-padded snowman. Maureen Johnson's ability to master physical humour makes her the perfect choice for Felicity, her facial expressions and elastic movements making her lines in the play leap from the stage.

Then there's the bewildered, inept and out-of-his league Gordon Pugh, played by Terry Anderson (who in turn plays Mrs. Crachit, Jacob Marley, the Ghost of Christmas Present, the Ghost of Christmas Past, Mr. Fezziwig and Santa Claus. No wonder he's so confused.) Anderson is another contortionist who can bend his face and body into whatever shape his character

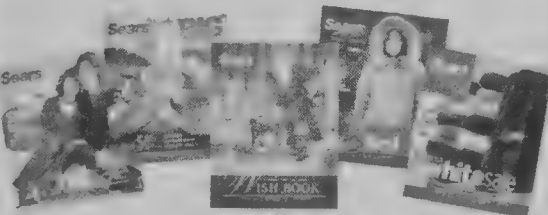
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Cathy Cox was never without her handbag when, as Mrs. Phoebe Reece, she competed to be the centre of attention. The bumbling Mercedes, played with sweet naivete by Karen Frybort, was a pushover.

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Whoo! Terry Anderson hams it up as Marley's ghost.

Audience very much a part of performance

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requires.

Throughout it all is Gwyneth, the pianist, playing her music quietly in the corner. It takes a real trick of acting to have Eleanor Cooper play a woman whose quality of playing diminishes as her consumption of alcohol increases.

But the audience in the Pavilion also deserves to take a bow. This play is very interactive, some of it staged – such as having exchange student Selin Akcicek “audition” for an impromptu role by speaking Turkish and leading David

Mills onto the stage to dress as one of the women characters and mash all his lines – but much of it natural. Forced to fill in some time at the end of the pretend production the audience is cajoled into playing a real game of charades. Where does the play end and the reality begin?

But for the most part the audience is happy to play along. Right from the moment they arrive at the Pavilion, greeted with over-enthusiastic hospitality by the front-of-house members of the Farndale dramatic society, audience members know that they're not going to

be able to just sit back and enjoy a night of theatre. They are the night of theatre.

Produced and directed by Jack Brezina and Curtis Eastmure, the play within a play brings off some highly comedic moments while enjoying a quiet chuckle

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Martin Wiedenhoef, Liza Yu, Kirsten Kohn, and Marcus Scherff all came from abroad to study ecotourism and adventure tourism at Fleming College in Haliburton.

International students do more than simply live here

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

In a small community such as Haliburton, word travels fast. So when three students from Germany and one from Hong Kong moved to the Highlands and began their studies at Fleming College, it's no surprise that they quickly became the talk of the town.

After only one month of living in this community, Kirsten Kohn mused, "We think that everyone already knows about 'the Germans.'" And truth be told, that assumption may not have been far off the mark.

Since the fall semester began in September, most residents have either seen, met, or heard of Haliburton's foreign visitors, including Kohn, Marcus Scherff, Martin Wiedenhoef and their international counterpart, Liza Yu. In part, their notoriety can be chalked up to the curiosity inherent to a tightly-knit village, but there's also more at play than just small town word-of-mouth.

Over the past months, Haliburton's international visitors have not just lived in this community; they've also experienced it. In October, Yu took to the trails with camera in hand, photographing highlights of the Hike Haliburton festival. Earlier this month, Kohn mingled with the crowd at the Northern Lights Pavilion during a performance by the Outloud

Womyn's Voices choir. And just last Friday, Scherff and Wiedenhoef were amongst the masses that turned out in anticipation of the village's first-ever nighttime parade.

But aside from taking in all that Haliburton has to offer, the international students have also rooted themselves deeply in the college's Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism program, which they consider to be a community within a community – and one they are proud to call home.

"At this college it's more like a family, whereas at a university there are a lot of people, you're a number, and nobody knows you," says Wiedenhoef, one of the three visiting on exchange from the University of Applied Sciences in Bremen, Germany.

"Less people, more quality," chimes in his classmate, Scherff, who lives with Wiedenhoef and Kohn on Head Lake.

Yu, who comes from Hong Kong – a densely populated island of little more than 1,000 square kilometres – says she too marvels in the vast landscapes of Haliburton, and values the intimacy of both the community and her program, which admitted only 15 full-time students this September.

"This is a small town, and people are very friendly and attentive to foreign students," she says. "It's all a real contrast for me, because in Hong Kong we have seven million people, and everywhere is crowded."

"I think this course is the most special one I've ever had in my life. It brings learning experiences and fun all together," she adds.

When asked why they chose Fleming College, Haliburton, or even Canada as their exchange destination, the answers are seemingly universal amongst the four – language and landscape.

"I wanted to choose an English-speaking country," says Kohn, "but I'm also interested in the landscape of Canada. It's a huge and new dimension for us."

"It's the same for me," seconds Scherff. "I think it's very important to have English as at least a second language, and Canada is not only a good place to learn about ecotourism, but also to see ecotourism."

Along the same lines, Yu says that she chose Haliburton because she wanted both a "total Canadian experience and a total nature experience," all wrapped into one.

"During the first few weeks I felt a little bit odd, because I wasn't used to not speaking Chinese. But then I started to like it more and more, day after day."

This is the first year that Fleming College has taken part in an international exchange, and Val Bishop, coordinator of the Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism program, says she's been delighted with the dialogue and cultural viewpoints that the all four students have presented to their peers.

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Students bring broader perspective to class

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"They bring a broader, global perspective to the classroom," she says. "Often we're talking about what's happening in Canada, or what's happening in Central America, so to have someone firsthand say 'This is what's happening in Germany,' and then to have someone who can say 'This is what's going on in Hong Kong and China,' brings a richness of shared experience to the program."

Since the ecotourism program prides itself on being a very intimate and hands-on learning experience, all four of the exchange students have bonded quickly with their peers, particularly during group outings, such as class canoeing and kayaking trips. But in only a few weeks' time, studies will wrap up for this semester, and Kohn, Scherff, and Wiedenhoef will prepare to return to Germany. Admittedly, one is more eager than the others to do so.

"I can't wait to go back to Germany," says Wiedenhoef. "I'm married and have two kids, so eight months without my family is really hard. Next time when I come back to Canada, I'm bring-

ing my family."

Kohn, on the other hand, looks forward to her boyfriend's arrival here after classes wrap up on December 15, and she says they plan to travel around Toronto and Vancouver Island until the middle of January, sharing their first foreign Christmas together.

Likewise, Scherff says he plans to spend a few extra weeks of "leisure time," in which he will take in all the sights he's been too busy to enjoy thus far.

"For me, right now Canada is just the distance from Toronto to Haliburton," he laughs.

Meanwhile, Yu will be staying put in Haliburton for at least one more semester, continuing in the ecotourism program and experiencing her first Canadian winter. And that's just fine by her.

"[Haliburton] makes me feel like I'm in one of the fiction stories I read in schools of western country life. I sometimes feel a little bit dreamy, because even in Toronto you won't have an atmosphere like here, it's still crowded there. Here is kind of a haven...or heaven," she says.

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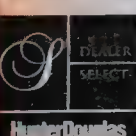
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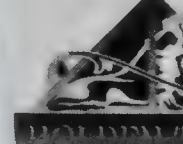
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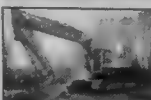
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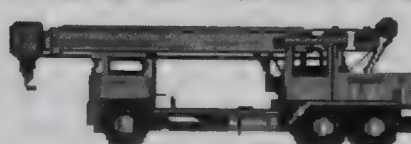
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Razzamataz Kids Shows opened its season on November 26 at the Northern Lights Pavilion with a compelling theatre dance piece, *Raven Stole the Sun*, featuring Red Sky Performance. The play is based on a traditional tale passed down amongst the Tlingit Nation, in which a trickster Raven transforms himself and devises a brilliant scheme to steal the stars, the moon, and the sun from a tribe elder. The raven eventually succeeds in his mission, and ends up bringing light to the people of the world. Red Sky Performance is a Canadian theatre company that aims to share the cultural diversity and spirit of Aboriginal peoples through theatre, dance, mask and music.

The Razzamataz season continues on Sunday, February 4 with *The Wizard of Oz* presented by Erewhon Theatre, followed by *Splash n' Boots* on Sunday, March 4. Please visit www.razzamataz.ca or call Amy Klose at 457-4266 or Stacey Bennett at 286-4511.

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Highlands East still won't count improperly-mailed ballot kits

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many people included the declaration with their ballot.

Even before the controversy over the high number of rejected ballots arose, Highlands East had a policy which said that unless the voter kit was properly submitted, the ballots would not be accepted.

After the complaints about the rejected ballots, council sought legal advice. Its lawyer advised them not to open the rejected ballots, which are being safely stored in a box.

"It's up to the courts to decide what we do with them," says Cook. "It's out of our hands now."

She has not yet heard of anyone in Ontario who is asking a judge to decide what to do in municipalities which, like Highlands East, had a rejection rate of roughly 22 per cent. There is a concern that if the rejected secret ballot envelopes were opened, a signed declaration would be found inside, allowing the person opening the ballot to find out who the ratepayer had voted for.

Chuck Viner, who also lost his bid for a seat on coun-

cil, wants a magistrate in another jurisdiction to open the rejected ballots.

Meanwhile, Cook says that when the municipality realized that so many ballots were being improperly submitted, staff did what it could to rectify the situation, including contacting the local media to let voters know there was a problem and opening the municipal office on the Saturday afternoon before the election to allow voters to come in to get a duplicate ballot. More than 150 duplicate ballots were issued.

Cook says she was very pleased with the electronic service. It not only sped up the counting process but allowed the municipality to keep

track of who had voted. This was very helpful when people called to ask if their ballots had been correctly submitted.

Meanwhile, the inaugural meeting of the new council is Tuesday, December 12 starting at 11 a.m.. The swearing-in will be followed by a luncheon and a council meeting during which time council members will choose who will be their deputy-reeve.

It's up to the courts to decide what we do with the rejected ballots

IRENE COOK

How would you identify natural heritage system?

The province and its conservation partners are seeking public input on an approach they are developing for identifying natural heritage systems in southern Ontario.

"Natural heritage systems are groups of connected natural features such as forests, wetlands, rivers and meadows that work together to sustain individual natural areas," said Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay. "Our aim through the Natural Spaces program is to develop an effective tool that can help focus voluntary efforts to conserve and restore natural areas where they will most benefit the environment by restoring or retaining these natural connections."

To encourage the preservation of natural heritage systems, the province and its partners have developed a proposed, voluntary approach that would look at community, ecological, social and other factors when identifying possible natural heritage systems. The approach will enable municipalities, conservation authorities and other organizations to work together with interested landowners to ensure their conservation efforts have the best possible effect on the landscape.

The proposed approach has been posted as an information notice on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Registry for a period of 45 days for public comment. To view the notice, visit the EBR website at www.enr.gov.on.ca/samples/search/ and enter Registry Number XB06E2025.

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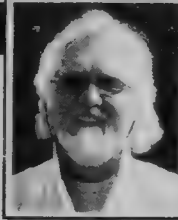
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Dave Sovereign of Canoe FM, centre, presented plaques of appreciation to the major donors to the radio station's generator fund: Tina Hadley representing the Haliburton Lions Club, Gord Abel of The Co-operators, and Bill and Carol Dewey of WRD Cottage Rentals and Teddy Time. Absent were Grant Slato of Slato Plumbing, Sheldon Nicholl and Murray Fearrey.

Canoe volunteers feed our minds

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Sitting in front of a microphone in a radio station, a program host can feel shut off from his or her listeners.

But as the guest speaker at a thank-you brunch for the dozens of volunteers at Canoe FM said, community stations have an extra-ordinary ability to reach out and touch the lives of their listeners.

"You are the heart and soul of your community," Heather Majaury said. "People are tuning in and saying 'I'm being reflected on the airwaves.'"

During her drive to the Haliburton Legion from her home near Waterloo, where she is the station manager of CKMS, Majaury tuned into Canoe FM as soon as she was able. For an hour she lis-

tened to the host and by the time she reached her destination she felt connected with the voice coming from her radio. She learned about the host's personality, her musical likes, her love of her community. She heard what the weather was going to be like that day and a little bit of the news. And she learned a lot more about what life was like in Haliburton than she knew before.

"You have an intimate relationship with strangers when you're a voice on a radio station," Majaury said.

With community and university stations, "every station is different and that's the beautiful thing about them," she added. "Each station reflects their community."

As commercial stations become more dependent on technology and less on people, community radio stations

respond to the public responsibility of maintaining links with their communities.

But stations also share the same challenges, especially how to cope with volunteer burn out. "Sooner or later they start to say 'I can't do it any more' and your reaction is 'Oh, we need you.'"

"It's important to build in people with a multitude of skills and not staying in the box you're comfortable in. That way," she laughed, "you can go on vacation."

At her station programmers are required to contribute five hours a year to tasks that aren't related to broadcasting, such as helping with an event or cleaning up the station. The station itself needs to establish solid policies and set realistic goals. "Look at what you have that needs to work better," she said. "When people have clear rules they all play nicer."

Canoe FM used the brunch to honour two long-time volunteers. Don and Joan Cameron, who were instrumental in the establishment of the station, were given Let's Build a Radio Station Founders' Award. As well, board president Mike Jaycock announced that two annual bursaries for graduating students at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were also being named in the Camerons' honour.

Jaycock, an amateur potter, also made plaques of appreciation for the individuals, groups and businesses which contributed significantly to the station's generator fund. The station has almost reached its fundraising goal of \$28,000 which will allow it to stay on the air when the power goes out, a service it wished it could have offered following the August 2 tornadoes.

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Brian Hambly

Remembrance Day has come and gone and the red poppies we wore on our jackets are cast aside as we go about our lives.

It was gratifying that so many people attended the cenotaph on a cold overcast day and lined the parade route to cheer on the Legionnaires as they marched past.

Reading the Honour Roll and the laying of wreaths is always a touching moment for many who have personal reasons to remember, but this year we had with us a young Sergeant of the Royal Canadian Regiment, just back from Afghanistan, a reminder of the fact that 42 Canadian names have been added to Cenotaphs across the country.



Jillian Hawley makes a presentation during the JDH Remembrance Day ceremony. The Legion is very proud of the involvement showed by Haliburton students.

42 new reasons to contemplate

It was my pleasure to have attended the Remembrance services held at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

At JDH, the Legion Colour Party, pipers and drummer, along with representation from our Cadet Corps, were all present. The students carried out their presentations admirably, reading poems, the choir sang, and the names of the soldiers who have fallen in Afghanistan were read. Every student wore a poppy and during the two-minute silence not a sound was heard. A fine mark of respect.

Likewise the following day all four grades at the high school attended separate Remembrance services in the auditorium. Students all wore poppies and conducted themselves with reverence while wreaths were laid and the Honour Roll was read.

The Legion is proud of our students and appreciates the work of the teachers.

Last Thursday, the student entries from all three schools for the Legion poster and literary contests were judged and here are the results.

The Haliburton Legion would like to thank the 162 students who participated in this year's Remembrance Day literary and poster contests. Although slightly lower than last year the Legion is pleased with the number of entries.

I would like to thank the teachers, school administration staff, and parents, who encouraged their students to make the effort. Your interest and continued support is much needed and very much appreciated.

I would also like to recognize and commend this year's judges, who were Billy Pickard, Donna Ibbotson, Dorothy

Baker, Jean Fletcher, Chris Briggs and Mary Hambly. With so many good entries, the judges' task was unenviable.

Listed below are the winners of each contest. All first-place winners will move on to compete with other entries within our zone.

Poem Contest

Senior (Grades 10, 11, 12): Daniel Wright.

Intermediate (Grades 7, 8, 9): Jenny Henwood, Tessa Iles, and Jessica Kennedy.

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6): Jessica Bishop, Zack Youngdale and Emma Paul.

Essay Contest

Senior (Grades 10, 11, 12): No Entry.

Intermediate (Grades 7, 8, 9): Carol-Anne Marie Gautreau, Joshua Wright and Cassie Clare.

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6): Brigitta Hicks, Rebecca Currie and Justin van Lieshout.

Poster Contest - Black and White

Senior (Grades 10, 11, 12): Carrie Harrison, Daniel Wright and David Wright.

Intermediate (Grades 7, 8, 9): Brett Yake, Kestrel Woodley and Ryan James Hunter.

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6): Jessie Burke, Alexandra Miller-Gerrard and Ali Hicks.

Primary Category (Grades 1, 2, 3): Cassandra Varty, and Willow Hutchings.

Poster Contest - Colour

Senior (Grades 10, 11, 12): Sarah Jean Lacy.

Intermediate (Grades 7, 8, 9): Tessa McCarthy Barnes, Madison Barton, and Lacy Lee Prenger.

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6): Kate Denniston, Casey Pringle, and Charlene Hicks.

Primary Category (Grades 1, 2, 3): Amy Black, Kristen Adams, and Cassandra

Varty.

Zone Competition

All prizes will be awarded at the Annual Awards Night in April 2007.

Keith Tallman will be missed

After serving more than 30 years on the local Board of Health, Keith Tallman says he's ready to slow down a bit.

At its last meeting of the year held last week, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Board of Health said goodbye to Tallman, as well as two other members who will not be returning in the new year. Forrest Rowden, current mayor of Hamilton Township and Rick Austin, mayor of Port Hope, did not seek re-election.

While all were thanked for their work on the Board of Health, Tallman was given a standing ovation as a tribute to his dedication to the health of area residents.

"I've really enjoyed my time on the Board of Health," Mr. Tallman said. "I think it's important to try and look after our health and I wanted to do something to help."

Tallman, who is the outgoing Reeve of Highlands East, joined the Board of

Health in 1976. During his time on the board, he worked with four different medical officers of health and dealt with countless issues around programs, offices, budgets and ministry initiatives. Among his many years of memories, Mr. Tallman said that the SARS outbreak in the province will remain one of the most memorable.

"That was a really critical time for health," he said. "The staff, as always, were top-notch in how they handled everything but that was a really difficult time for public health."

During his time in municipal politics, Mr. Tallman said he is pleased to have been involved in a number of community projects including the building of a senior's residence, a curling rink, an arena and a community centre.

Now that he's retired, Mr. Tallman said he plans to travel with his wife and spend more time with family.

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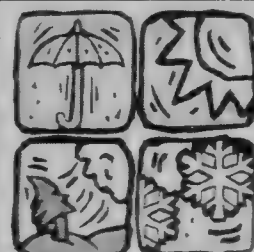
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The family of Rendal and Elaine (Priest) Loucks arranged a party for their parents' 40th wedding anniversary. A couple of relatives had taken the pair out to dinner in Minden on Nov. 18 and drove around to see what was going on at the arena that night. Elaine thought when they arrived that some people must be having a party, when she and Rendal suddenly realized that, sure there was a party, but it was for them! The dance and buffet was enjoyed by about eighty friends and relatives. Brad Bryant and his sister, Sheila were there from West Guilford; Elwood and Janet Morrison, Doris Bryant - daughters

Valerie and Rhonda and their spouses. Glenda Tripp, the Loucks' daughter, phoned in the news of this event, and of course brother Grant and sisters Valerie and Darlene were all in on the surprise and planning. Congratulations to Elaine and Rendal.

My goodness, I remember teaching Elaine and Sylvia in the primary grades when I came to S.S. 2&3 Guilford all those years ago. Lovely to hear of these happy events after all this time. Keep these notices coming. I'm always interested.

Lynn Morrison and Shirley Johnston worked hard to produce the Dogpatch float in this year's Santa Claus parade on Nov. 24. Bruce and Shirley Johnston's son, Darren, lent the float and drove the truck for the children dressed up as hounds. They were Angela and Mike Chumbley's daughter, Amber; John and Jack, Lynn and Jack Morrison's boys; Tammy William's son, Sam; Shirley and Bruce's grandchildren Sam and Cullen;

and Mark and Tammy Brohm's daughters, Kylie & Emma. Recorded music of dogs barking out Christmas carols brought rejoinders from dogs on the street! A doggy angel lit the top of a Christmas tree to literally top off the float. Well done!

Various aspects of the parade came under Susan Norcross's supervision. Susan contacted Bill Gliddon to arrange for St. George's Anglican choir to sing carols at the beginning when the

Christmas tree was lit. Susan and ladies from town decorated the parking meters. This busy BIA business administrator also arranged for hot apple cider on one side of the street to be served and hot chocolate on the other, free of charge, a welcome treat on a cool night. Aren't we blessed to have such an able person in our own community? Susan's mother, Helen Barkley was on hand for the parade with lighted-up Santa hat to add to the colour and spirit of the event.



Residents of Highland Wood long-term care facility now have a place to store outdoor equipment thanks to Emmerson Lumber. The company donated a cedar garden shed to the residents' association to hold garden equipment, lawn chairs, a table and a barbecue. From left, Kim Emmerson of Emmerson Lumber, Muriel Hodgson, Highland Wood Director of Care Janice Hardy, Norma Wright, Highland Wood activities staff member Connie Sisson, and Ilsa Shaefer. "We're really thankful," said Hodgson, the association's treasurer. "If we had to pay for it, we'd be broke."

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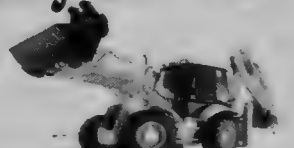
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Community pretties itself up for Christmas

It is good for the community when property is maintained and improved when it is public or private. The Cross Roads restaurant is looking good with its eye-catching new red steel roof. The great weather we have had recently surely must have been well-

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Hilda Clark

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The planters at the Lloyd Watson Centre are now arrayed for the Christmas season with greenery and other interesting natural items. Very welcoming as one visits that area for business or pleasure. Likewise the junction of Hwy. 507 and 503 in Gooderham continues to be a pleasant spot. The summer flower tubs now have small Christmas trees to welcome everyone into that village.

Thanks to Beryl Rutter for reminding us that everyone is welcome at the annual Sunday School Christmas Concert at the Full Gospel Church. It is on Sunday, December 3 at 6 p.m. The church is on Hwy. 118 a few kilometers east of the flashing light.

If all the performances of the Highlands Little Theatre's production last week were as much fun as the Tuesday night dress rehearsal, then audiences were well entertained and would have departed the Northern Lights Pavilion in cheerful spirits.

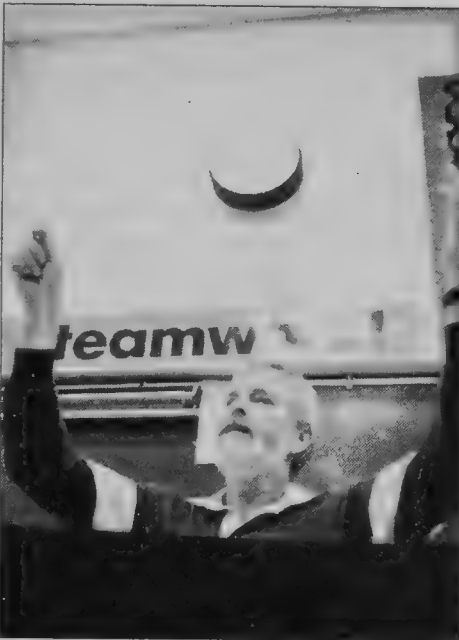
And speaking of spirits, the famous spirits as well as Scrooge, Marley, the Cratchits et al were all portrayed in the *Farndale Avenue Housing Estates*. Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's production of *A Christmas Carol*. (What a title!). Of course it was a spoof on all the things that happen - planned and

unplanned - when an amateur group stages a play. Six thespians played at least 20 characters - rushing in and out to change (or not) costumes. They even included members of the audience in the fun, as well as offstage voices of some well-known members of the community. Though audiences left the house laughing about the antics of the amateur players, they also recalled the transformation of Scrooge from mean miser to generous community person. A good thought for the Christmas season and for all time.

Do plan to visit Santa's Workshop Christmas Craft Sale this coming Saturday, December 2 at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pick up some gifts and decorations. Stock up on Christmas cookies. Enjoy free coffee all day. While resting from shopping enjoy lunch - chili and homemade tea biscuits, sandwiches, pie served by St. Margaret's Churchwomen. Or just come in, browse and visit.

Loop Troupe members were entertained for their participation in the Hallowe'en geocaching event. The party was hosted by Natyl Goulet at her home by Lake Wilbermere on Wednesday, November 22. Geocachers and Loop Troupers enjoyed a pleasant time together with talk including the Sunday, December 10 Santa Claus parade and even a Monte Carlo night being organized by the Recreation Committee and friends.

Lots of concerts coming up here, in Bancroft and Haliburton. Do check the posters in most businesses in your area.



The wind blows beautiful music

The Highlands Wind Symphony is tuning up for its 8th annual Christmas concert at the Northern Lights Arts Pavilion December 11. The show starts at 7:30, and tickets are available at Masters Bookstore in Haliburton or the Pharmasave in Minden.

Top: Bob Penfold is reflected as he performs on his trombone. Above left: Glen Carter is one of two conductors leading the symphony. Above right: Wilma Thomson hits all the right notes on her clarinet.

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Cardiff Elementary celebrates 50 years of excellence

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Valerie Smith

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It is an enormous honour to have been acclaimed once again as public school board trustee for Haliburton County for another four years. Throughout the past six years it has meant so much to me to be part of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. I love this job and my focus will continue to be student achievement. I believe by strengthening the education and skills of our children, by fostering student success, we are building a well-educated, highly skilled workforce that will help our communities to be competitive and successful in the future.

As your local trustee, I had the opportunity this past Saturday to attend a special occasion. Cardiff Elementary School just celebrated 50 years of excellence in education. The afternoon festivities were well-attended by staff and students, past and present, parents and many other community members. Throughout the school there was evidence of all the hard work that Principal Elaine Fournier and the 50th celebration committee put in preparing for the special day. Everyone was invited to take a walk down memory lane by visiting the theme rooms that ranged from the "Fabulous Fifties" to the "Nifty Nineties".

Principal Fournier indicated she had a wonderful time discovering the interesting past history of the Cardiff town site and the Cardiff E.S. I too had been digging into many musty, dusty old records and I discovered it was an exceedingly out of the ordinary community that sprang up 50 years ago. This Township School Area of the Improvement District of Cardiff, S.S. No. 7, first opened its doors September 4, 1956. However, the classrooms were not ready until September 12th of that year. Some of the initial teachers were Mary Gilchrist, Miss Joyce Cooper, Patricia Leveque, H. Hook, Helen Prentice, Rita Mask, Miss M. Jackson, Miss Maureen E. Carmier, Doreen E. Tuck, Wm. E. Gagan, Mrs. Aileen Dwyer, Mrs. Nora Leveque, G. Best, Mrs. Lorna (McKay) Bois, Mr. J. McLelland, Mr. Lionel Gunter, Miss Ethel Boyle of Combermere, Mrs. Ethel Ryan, Mrs. I. Spencer, Aileen Dwyer, Miss J. Cooper, Ruth S. Rowlands, Eunice Rutledge, Mrs. M. Kuno, Mrs. R. Stephens, Eleanor Kushnir, Marian Eleanor Leonard, Phyllis C. Leveque, Charles N. Fletcher and Clementina Hieronymus.

The families of the students came from far and near to this new mining community. Students were admitted from Cape Breton, Labrador, Chatham, Virginia Town, North Bay, Winnipeg, Kitchener, North Rhodesia, Kirkland Lake, Nova Scotia, Timmins, Elliott Lake, Pembroke, England, Cobalt, St. Catharines and from

SHERYL LOUCKS/Special to Echo



Cardiff Elementary School celebrated its 50th anniversary on Saturday during an open house at the school that attracted several past members of the staff, students, community residents and even the illustrious Character Ed, the mascot for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Dale Robinson, Trillium Lakelands District School Board superintendent for Cardiff Elementary and Valerie Smith, TLDSB trustee, were on hand during the school's anniversary to cut the cake, which read "Digging into our past to build our future."

countless communities in Quebec.

The classrooms were overflowing with as many as 42 students per classroom. In 1957 there were over 327 students in the school. In 1959 there were two kindergarten classes with the a.m. and p.m. classes, each containing 30 students. Present enrolment is at 68 students. The enrolment has significantly changed since then, however; as we dig into our past to build our future we find excellence in education remains. We wish all the best to Cardiff Elementary School in the future as we look forward to many more years of excellent teaching and learning.

The Ladies of the Harcourt Community Chapel will be hosting their annual Victorian Tea on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dorothy Walke. There will be special music, readings and games. All ladies are welcome and all you need is a small gift for a gift exchange.

The Loop Children's Christmas Party and Santa Claus Parade are fast approaching. Floats for the Santa Claus parade are to enter on Holmes Drive by the IGA and proceed to School Road. All participants in the parade are kindly asked to arrive between 12 and 12:15 as the parade will begin at 12:30 p.m. sharp. Following the parade the children and families are welcome to meet Santa and have their picture taken. All children will receive treats from our local fire department and children 10 and under will receive a gift from Santa compliments of our very supportive business community and community clubs. For more information on the parade please call Joanne Hughey at 448-2194 or Lynn Waugh at 448-3674 and for more information regarding Santa Fund and Loop Children's Christmas Party call Valerie Smith at 448-3640 or Roberta Walsh at 448-2185. Feliz Navidad 2006!

The Word of Life Clothing Outreach and Food Bank in Wilberforce continues to reach out to the families in our community. They are open Monday to Wednesday - 10 to 3:00 p.m. Thursday to Saturday - 10 to 5:00 p.m.. The Highland Grove Outreach Centre is open Tuesday to Friday from 10 to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 to 2:00.

If your family is in need this Christmas season, there will be help for you from the 4Cs food bank. All requests for food boxes must be made between Monday, November 27 and Saturday December 9. To place a request, please call 457-3331. For people living in Tory Hill, Harcourt and Wilberforce areas you may pick up your food box at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Friday December 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Upcoming events for Harcourt and surrounding communities:

November 29: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Center. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

November 30: Progressive euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only \$2. Come out for an evening of great fun playing Euchre followed by a light social lunch. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

December 10: Loop Children's Christmas Party at the Lloyd Watson Centre following the Santa Claus Parade. Parade to start at 12:30.

December 30: New Year's Eve Dance at the Harcourt Community Center. Dance to the great sounds of "Timber Tom and the Crosscuts". Light Lunch & Party Favours. Time: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Admission: \$30 per couple.



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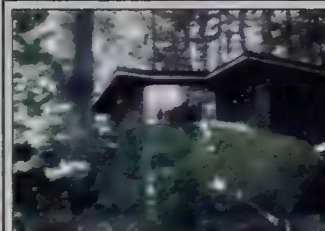


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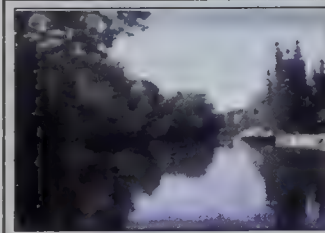


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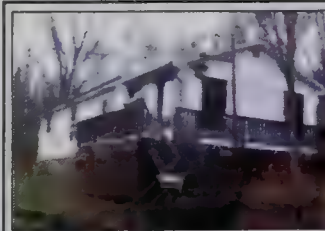


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Open stage a celebration

The Haliburton County Folk Society is making changes to its Open Stage schedule. It will now present one Open Stage per month. The next Open Stage will be held on December 2 at York St. Internet Café in Haliburton, across from the Rails End Gallery. In the New Year, Open Stages will be held on the third Saturday of every month.

Open Stages are alive and well in Haliburton. December was a great month for celebrating for local and guest musicians. Mark Christiano is back at the Hair Lounge in Carnarvon with an Open Stage on the second Saturday of every month. On November 11, an enthusiastic gathering of folks enjoyed a great lineup of performers - Mark and Claudette, Mandy Newell, Jordon Brown, Ryan Dawson, Kris Kadwell, April Gates, and Barry Hayward to name a few. The Dominion Hotel also holds an Open Mike on the second Saturday of every month.

On November 16, the Haliburton County Folk Society held an Open Stage at the York Street Café in Haliburton. The featured performer was recording artist Darcy Lynne Ward (www.darcylynneward.com), a very talented singer/song writer from the Midland area.

On a blog after her visit to Haliburton she wrote, "These folks are among the warmest, receptive music lovers I've yet to play for in all my years. Kris Kadwell, from Canoe FM (who happens to be playing my record...) hosted the evening. I love these folks, and it looks like they may be having me back for a concert at their club. I met some new friends here, and hope to meet them again soon."

After a great set by Darcy, the 50 or so people in attendance enjoyed performances by local musicians. Bethany

Houghton of Devils Lake wowed the audience performing classical, Cajun and Beatle tunes on cello and violin. Dave Bathe, in the style of Tom Waits, sang a song he wrote about his wife getting angry at him over a dream she had. Cass Marie presented beautifully strong vocals and several original songs; she is currently recording in Ian Pay's sound studio. All joined in as Scott belted out a couple of Johnny Cash tunes. Ted Robinson left the crowd "hurtin'" with a couple of country classics. Louise and Friends (Louise Barry, John Menzies, Peter Smith and Linda Salvatori) soothed souls with easy listening harmonies. The grand finale with an impromptu band (April Gates, Kris Kadwell, Ian Pay and Bethany Houghton) left the audience wanting more. But it was 11 p.m. and time to go. All left with a greater appreciation of the tremendous talent and diversity of music present in the community.

Again, the next Open Stage in Haliburton will be December 2nd. The music starts at 8 p.m. Be part of the audience or perform on stage. Admission is only \$2. All ages welcome. The admission fee goes towards renting the facility, supporting equipment purchases and the concert series, and an annual music bursary to a graduating student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. For more details, call (705)754-FOLK(3655) or e-mail info@haliburtonfolk.com. See also www.haliburtonfolk.com. The next Open Stage in Carnarvon is December 9th. For more information contact Mark at markchristiano@rogers.com.

Come celebrate live music in Haliburton County. Be sure to arrive early for these evenings of fine performances and friendly gatherings in great venues.

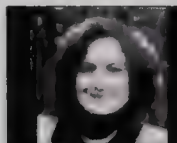
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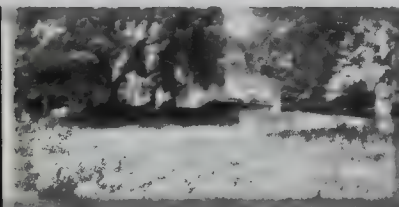
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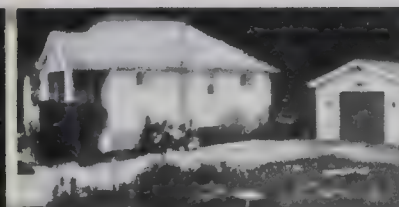
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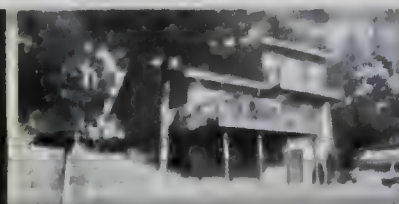


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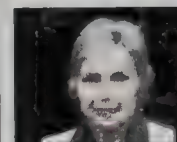
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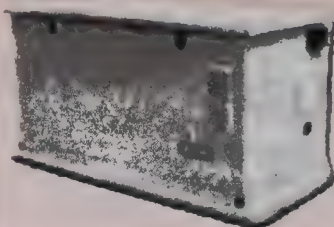
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WES posters make Remembrance Day memorable

On Friday, November 24 Valerie Smith, our Youth Education Officer, made presentations of awards to the students of Wilberforce Elementary School for their remarkable work on their Remembrance Day Posters and Poems.

Grade 1 and 2 Colour Poster Winners were Mark Lewis, first place; Caleb Manus, second place; and Carmen Galea, third place. Other participants in grade 1 & 2 were Jason Wood, Dylan Smith, Matthew Lawr, Kendra Anderson, Lily Rose Drain, Keisha Marie Hughes, Taylor Davies and Dillon Tallman.

Grades 3 & 4 black and white poster winners were: Patricia Savard, first place; Lloyd Callfas; second place; and Victor Townsend placed third. Other participants were Kelsey Maracle, Jade Stickwood, Rebecca Anderson, Jade McCartney and Tylor Mantha.

Grade 3 & 4 colour poster winners were Tyler Casey, first place; Eryn Solmes, second place; and Taylor Lewis placed third. Other participants were Carly Raimsey, Susie Cachia, Stanley Riley, Austin Byers and Matthew Hunter.

Grade 5 & 6 black and white poster winner was Alana Rose Coty who placed first and Mitchell Byers who placed second. The other participant was Jake Rudell.

Grade 5 & 6 colour poster winners were: Samanta Vanier, first place; Christina Berning, second place; and Joshua Payne who placed third. Other

participants were Taylor Sands, Beth Waugh, Jordan Manus and Raylynn Dooley.

Poem/essay winners were Patricia Savard who placed first and Rebecca Anderson who placed second.

Other entries were submitted by Patricia Savard and Kelsey Maracle. All participants did a very good job; however the regulations for the contest are very strict. We wish all the very best to primary colour poster winner, Mark Lewis; black and white jr. poster winner, Alana Rose Coty; colour jr. poster winner Samantha Vanier and jr. poem/essay winner Patricia Savard whose materials have been submitted in the Zone competitions. We also thank Ed and Clair Loft for judging the posters, poems and essays.

I neglected to mention that our Legion Ladies Auxiliary had a colour party out on Saturday, November 11 for the Remembrance Day Service as well. Thank you to Joan Clark, Betty Hayward and Vicky Shcherbak for coming out on such a frigid day.

Get ready for Legion's up-coming Wildlife Dinner. It promises to be an evening to remember as you sample moose, deer (venison), bear, beaver, buffalo, and turkey and roast beef. Yes the last two were turkey and roast beef.

Also add to your meal potatoes, veggies and homemade pies. Don't miss out! There will be two (2) table settings. One at 4 p.m. and a second at 5:30 p.m.. Cost is only \$15 per person. Tickets are available at the Legion until Thursday, November 30.

The 2006 bursaries are now available. This is an excellent opportunity for students who are children or grandchildren of Canadian ex-service persons who need help to subsidize their College or University. The Ontario Bursary Program is through Ontario Command and the deadline for this is February. For more information on the scholarships and bursary programs, please contact Jan Sorensen.

The Loop Children's Santa Claus Parade, to be held in Wilberforce on December 10 is just a couple of weeks away. If you wish to be in the colour party for the parade, please contact Len Crawford.

Last day for the Early Bird 2007 Membership Dues is this upcoming Thursday, November 30. Pay this week before Thursday and your name will be entered into the draw and you could win back your dues. Your continued support is important to keep our branch a strong force within our community. Also, part of each membership is sent to Command to help keep many veteran

and community programs sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion going. After November 30 membership will be \$40.

Here is a great Christmas gift! The Wilberforce Legion Ladies Auxiliary is please to offer their Cook Books for sale. Cost is only \$10 and are available from the bar steward.

Lest We Forget:

Our condolences go out to Jane and Dave Burton on the recent tragic loss of Jane's father.

There are many great upcoming events:

November 29: 7:30 p.m. Darts
November 30: 1:00 p.m. Euchre
December 1: 1:00 p.m. Pool
December 2: 1:00 p.m. Meat Draw
December 2: 4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. sit-
tings for Wildlife Dinner
December 2: 9:00 p.m. Karaoke
December 5: 7:00 p.m. Executive
Meeting

December 6: 7:30 p.m. Darts
December 7: 1:00 p.m. Euchre
December 8: 1:00 p.m. Pool
December 8: 7:00 p.m. Pot Luck
December 10: All you can eat Sunday
Brunch. 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Adults \$6.00
children \$3:00 and children under 6
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As you can plainly see we have just a tremendous selection of things going on at our Legion Branch 624. Come on out and join us and I'm sure you will be glad you did. If you think you would like to join our branch, ask for an application from the bar steward.



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DATE: December 11th, 2006

TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:
The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of an original shore road allowance located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

Applicant: Rausch
Location: Little Kennis Lake

- Shoreline Road Allowance
- Part of the Original Shoreline Road Allowance in Front of Lot 20, Concession 5,
- Geographic Township of Havelock
- Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying, Ltd., dated September 26, 2006, being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any persons who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 28th day of November, 2006.

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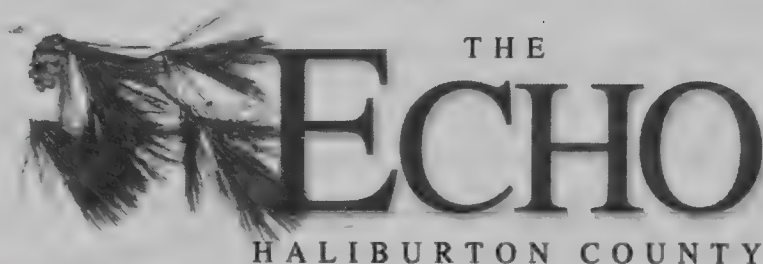
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- **Nov. 29:** **NOTE:** This event has been cancelled. (The YWCA Women's Centre presents - A group on What is a Healthy Relationship?) 286-1942.
- **Nov. 30:** Wilberforce Play & Learn dates are changed for the month of November due to other bookings. Join Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 to noon. Join Bev Jackson the OEYC Literacy Specialist on Nov. 30 for a special story circle.
- **Dec. 1:** Christmas luncheon at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Main St., Minden, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Soup, sandwiches, goodies, bake sale & more. Come on out & bring a friend. Preschoolers Free.
- **Dec. 2:** Christmas Craft Sale & Lunch at Lloyd Watson Centre on Sat., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Wilberforce Heritage Guild.
- **Dec. 3:** Subway Development is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Dec. 3:** S.E.A.L. (Sustainable Ecological Alternatives for Living) annual Pot Luck Dinner and "gently used" Gift Exchange, Bobcaygeon Lion's Hall, 1:30 p.m. Further info. 738-3841 or www.sealweb.org.
- **Dec. 6:** A Vigil of Remembrance of the Montreal Massacre and a ceremony to honour women and their accomplishments will be held from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. at the Village Green (the parkette beside the CIBC on Bobcaygeon Road) in Minden. All are welcome.
- **Dec. 6:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located in the Community Care Drop-In Centre in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton. Subsequent clinics the first Wed. of every month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.
- **Dec. 7:** Outpost Historic House Museum - Christmas Open House. Thurs., 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Refreshments. Natural decorations.
- **Dec. 7:** Kinmount Celebrates "Lights Across Canada" - Thurs., Dec. 7, 7 p.m., Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Refreshments following the lighting of the tree. Visit with Santa, Carol Singing, hot chocolate and cookies. Join us for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Sponsored by The Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. Floats to assemble by 1:30 p.m. at Tim-Br-Mart Lumber. For more info. Call 488-2635.
- **Dec. 9:** Roast Beef Dinner, Haliburton United Church, Sat., 5:30 p.m. Children under 6 free. Tickets avail. from church office or a Mission Trip Team Member, Masters Bookstore. Silent Auction. A fund raiser for (TM).

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- **Until Dec. 14:** Recreational Squash - Thursday evenings. Beside Haliburton Arena 7-9 p.m. Beginners welcome anytime. Racquets available. Free Lessons. Call 457-2862.
- **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** - Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636**, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **If you are a senior (55+)** or a physically disabled adult (18+) and like to play cards, Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge every Mon. afternoon at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre is offered every Thurs. afternoon at 1 p.m. and Cribbage is offered every Fri. at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- **Every Wednesday:** Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 a.m. on Pine St., in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
- **Community Care** is looking for Brokered Workers to provide Home Help in Gooderham & Haliburton and Home Maintenance in the Wilberforce area. They offer seniors and adults with disabilities assistance with light housekeeping, yard work, snow shoveling, etc. All brokered workers are screened through our volunteer screening process. For more info. or to become a registered brokered worker, call Roxanne at 457-2941.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **The Minden Women's Institute** meets in the Common Room at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden at 1:30 p.m. every 3rd Wed. of the month, Common Room 11:30 a.m.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
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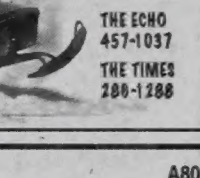
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December 2nd, 2006
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All Friends Welcome

Birthday greetings

Thank You Cards



Thank You Cards

THANK YOU

To the Residents of Dysart
et al Ward 2, Please accept
my Thanks for your
support in my attempt at
becoming your Councillor
on November 13, 2006.

Nancy Stinson

Thank You Cards

CARPENTER - A huge thank you to our friends and family for the tremendous support shown after Chad's accident. It meant so much to us all during the 3 weeks he was in Sunnybrook Hospital. He's now ready for the next stage of his recovery, so everyone's good. Thoughts are much appreciated. Thanks so much.

- Jeff, Leanne, Jen and Chad

10447109

Thanks - We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for all their help when Mike, Elizabeth, Marcus and Coral were in an accident on Nov. 14. Thank you to the bus drivers, to all the other drivers who stopped to help and to the lady that let all of us use her cell phone. We also want to thank the police, paramedics, firefighters, and all the staff at Haliburton Hospital for all the wonderful care and concern shown to our families. Also to everyone who called, sent cards, flowers, and brought food it was appreciated more than you know. We are truly blessed to live in a community that cares so much.

- The Lopez, Hewitt and Pratt Families.

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Deaths

BURNS, Genevieve (June) - Long time seasonal resident of Drag Lake (Haliburton), Ontario

Passed away peacefully at Cornerstone Hospital in Austin, Texas (U.S.A.) on November 5, 2006, following a short illness.

Beloved wife of the late Jack Burns. Loving Mother of Jack (Karen) Burns of Aurora, Colorado, Adele Ward of Austin, Texas. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren David, Dallas, John and Melissa.

She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends here in Haliburton County.

Funeral Services were held on November 10, 2006 at the **Kerrville Funeral Home** in Kerrville with interment in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services would be appreciated by the family

10451341

CARTER, Clara - Passed away peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, November 25, 2006. At the age of 75.

Beloved wife of Roy. Dear mother of Ruth, Jo-Anne, Lynn and Stephen. Loving grandmother of 20 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Fondly remembered by her brothers and sisters and their families.

Friends are invited to visit the at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) 127 Main St., Minden on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 1:00 pm. Interment at West Guilford Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Highland Community Pregnancy Care Centre would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

GUILLEMIN, Mary Laura - Passed away peacefully at Toronto East General Hospital on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Wife of the late Emile Guillemain, mother Elaine Guillemain Swann (and Stephen), Paul Guillemain (and Leokadia), grandmother of Deborah Tiberio (and Robert), Laura Favrin (and Sergio), Michael Guillemain (and Paula), Diana Guillemain, and great grandmother of Michael, James, Anthony, Matthew, Adriana and Luc.

Mary is also lovingly remembered by members of her extended family, her many nieces, nephews and their children, and especially by George Panchuk (and Lavina), Nicky Panchuk (and Dottie), Ruth Hudson, and by her many friends in the Kinmount and Minden areas.

Our lives are richer because of her. We will miss her.

A Funeral Service to Celebrate Mary's Life was held at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.** 127 Main St., Minden P.O. Box 427 Minden Ontario KOM 2K0 (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Saturday, November 25, 2006 at 12:00 o'clock noon. Cremation will follow.

A Reception was held at the Staunworth Terrace, 44 Parkside St., Minden.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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WHYMAN, Alfred James - Passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton on Wednesday, November 22, 2006. In his 96th year.

Beloved husband of the late Madge (nee Clarke). Dear father of Joan and her husband Art Rossiter of King City, Valerie and her husband Donald Wright (predeceased) of Erin. Loving grandfather of Cheryl (Don), Lynne (Bill), Susan (Brian), Jamie (Pam), Karen (Dan), Ian and great poppa to Amy, Andrew, Elizabeth, Madison, Emily and Hannah. Predeceased by his sisters Gladys, Ivy, Winnie and by his brother Bert.

Friends are invited to visit the at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0(1-888-588-5777) (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Saturday, December 2, 2006 from 1:30 pm until the time of the Memorial Service at 2:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton County Access Centre or to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family

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Memorial services

SKEAD, Leone - (Former resident of Minden) Passed away on October 13, 2006. Beloved wife of Harry Skead, mother of Juanita and Bob McIntosh, and grandmother of Jason and Angela McIntosh. Friends and family are invited to a memorial service at the **Minden Anglican Church on December 2nd at 11 a.m.** Donations to the Cancer Society and Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay will be greatly appreciated.

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Card of thanks

MINTO - We wish at this time to thank our dear friends and family near and far, for their expressions of kindness and sympathy on the passing of our dear father, grandfather and beloved husband, Robert (Bob) Minto. Thanks to all those who sent regards via cards, flowers, calls and made donations in Bob's name. Thank you Kirsten, Barry and staff at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for your support and excellent service. A special thanks to Rev. Harry Morgan for your service, your friendship and your uniquely personal touch. We will treasure the memory forever. A special thank you to those who graciously acted as bearers for Bob. Thank you to the UCW of the United Church for the preparation and serving of the luncheon. An extra special thank you goes out to Dr. Steven Ferracuti, the nurses of Haliburton Hospital and the ambulance drivers. Thanks to all for joining us in the celebration of Bob's life, for helping to rekindle many fond memories.

- Jean, Chris, Wendy, and Dean Minto

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In memoriam

McCALLUM, Eric and Mary - In loving memory of two dear friends, who passed away last year. You are forever in our thoughts and hearts.

- John and Mary

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McCOLL, Glen Albert - November 27, 2004 In loving memory of our beloved brother and Uncle.

This day is remembered and quietly kept, No need for reminders, We'll never forget, Deep in our hearts you'll always stay, loved and remembered every day.

Always remembered by
- Clayton, Beatrice, Vera, Doris and Sylvia and our families

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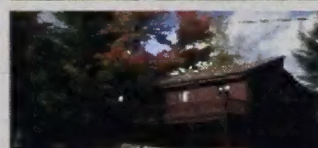
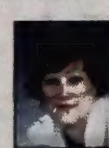
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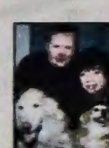
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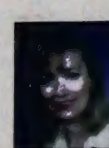
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